

CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 22, 2008

Benefis Healthcare, East Campus – Classroom 5B
Great Falls

MINUTES

- 1200–12:30 Lunch sponsored by Benefis Healthcare Classroom 5B
(Please RSVP for lunch attendance to Lauri Jackson (406) 455-4458)
- 12:30 REACH Network **ON** for Central RTAC meeting
(Contact your local REACH site coordinator for dial in number)

The Central Montana Rural Trauma Advisory Committee (CRTAC) was called to order at 12:30 PM. Benefis Healthcare hosted a luncheon prior to the meeting. Roll call was taken

1. Roll call Lauri Jackson

PRESENT:

Lauri Jackson, APRN, CRTAC Secretary, Great Falls
Jennie Chelmo, RN, Chester
Jeff Chelmo, PA-C, Chester
Dan Jans, PA-C, Cut Bank
Michael Rosalez, EMT-P Great Falls
Dirk Johnson, Training Officer GFFR
Kari Durbin RN, Townsend
Heather McMurdie, Townsend
Jennie Nemec RN, State Trauma System Program Manager
Carol Kussman RN, State Trauma System
Representative fr. St Peters Hospital, Helena
Scott Schandelson, Mercy Flight , Benefis, Great Falls
Tim Sinton PA-C, Choteau
Deb Coverdale, EMT, Choteau
Ruth Erickson, EMT, Conrad
Myron Frydenlund , EMT, Shelby

Guest: Chad Engan, MD, Surgeon-Great Falls

ABSENT: Michael Orcutt, MD, CRTAC Chairman, Great Falls
Representatives from:

Havre
Big Sandy
White Sulphur Springs
Browning
Fort Benton

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes Lauri Jackson APRN.
➤ *Approved (spelling changes to Deb Gessaman made upon request)*
3. State Trauma Care Committee activities & State Trauma Update MT Trauma Staff
➤ *State Trauma care Committee has new appointments as follows*
Jennifer Thuesen, WRTAC (end 11/2011),
Justin Grohs, Private Ambulances (end 11/2011)
Fred Bartoletti, MT Medical Asso. (end 11/2012)
Joseph Hansen, ERTAC (end 11/2011)
Andrew Michel MD, ACEP (end 11/2011)

Lauri Jackson, CRTAC (end 11/2012)

Tim Sinton, CRTAC

Brad VonBergen, ERTAC (end 11/2012)

- Still have vacant ISH position on the State Trauma Care Committee. This may be MD, RN or EMT. Someone able to represent IHS perspective/systems.
- Next Trauma Care Advisory meeting scheduled for February 9, 2009
- Trauma Coordinator meetings tentatively scheduled for Feb 10th (Helena) and May 12 in Cody, WY
- Courses:
 - ATLS** : Upcoming course in Great Falls March 6-7, still 2 MD slots & 2 refresher slots available. Mid-level slots are filling up fast. If emergently need a mid-level slot contact Jennie or Gail at State. Continue to need RN & EMT helpers for these courses. Great Way to hear the content and become involved in Trauma Care
 - Future Courses: April 10 – 11 Billings, June 5-6 Missoula, October 9-10 Missoula, November 6-7 Billings
 - Northern Montana Healthcare Alliance** Conference this week-end in Great Falls. Primary Care Conference. Registration is free!
 - Rimrock Trauma Conference**, May 14 – Billings
 - Trauma Solutions for Mid-Levels**, May 29, Missoula
 - Spring Fever Trauma Conference**, May 30, Missoula
 - MT Systems Conference** Sept 16 in Red Lodge (day before RMRTS)
 - Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium (RMRTS)** Sept 17-18 Red Lodge
- TEAM: Courses progressing well in WRTAC & ERTAC. CRTAC continues to have challenges with physician participation. STCC discussing utilizing experienced mid-levels to provide physician-presented content. It is felt that physician participation may improve networking.
 - Central region** is discussing TEAM participation with two physicians and will offer a course this quarter... more to come. Chester still has first "dibs" for this course.
- STACC working on "Systems Issues"
 - Peds Neurosurgery** availability & willingness to accept patient. Need to let "us" know if have problems with transfer/acceptance of peds neurosurg patients. No issues in Central Region @ this time. Goal is to develop a regional & local plan for treatment/transfer of these patients.
 - Mt Air ambulance Services**: utilization/dispatch/standardizing response criteria, service capabilities, safety. This issue will be addressed by the newly formed State Emergency Care Committee
 - Quantifying** system measurable "value". National issue in that trauma systems must be able to show the "differences" made in order to gain support.
- Designations:
 - 19 facilities now designated as Montana trauma Facilities
 - Shelby scheduled for designation visit 3/10 as MTRF
 - Conrad scheduled for designation visit 3/11 as MTRF
 - Best wishes for a successful visit!
- Grant \$\$\$ will be available again to help with designation. For hospital with designation \$\$ will be for support of community planning activities around pan-flu, mass casualty, surge capacity
 - Montana Health Resource & Education Foundation (MHREF)** has grant funds available to support:
 - 1) 2 TEAM courses for CAH's /region
 - 2) ATLS tuition for 2 MDs/2 Midlevels from CAH's/region
 - 3) TNCC tuition for 20 CAH RN's/region
- Legislative Issues
 - Legislature in session 1/5/09 – 4/25/09 several important bills this session
 - Web site: [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/laws09/law0203w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/laws09/law0203w$.startup)
 - HB 105** bill requiring hospitals to provide discharge and ED data to state to use for Public Health Surveillance

SB 237 Primary Seat belt law. Bobbi handed out our data (MT level II trauma center) which Show that Montana spends \$36.7 million each year on direct health care cost for unbelted patients. This bill needs our support.
Handout distributed with other EMS bills discussed.

4. Subcommittees

1. Injury Prevention/Education

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- *Safethy First Rally planned again for this year on May 30th in Great Falls, other communities welcome to participate. Helmets in schools, Bike safety.*
- *Requestes for information as to wht oter communities are doing*
- *State Injury prevention Activities attached: Include,*
MT seatbelt coalition, SBIRT alcohol screening, EMS for Children
 - 1)** *looking at state wide injury prevention coalition instead of each individual RTAC considering that inury prevention will becom epart of statewide comprehensive group*
 - 2)** *DPHHS requesting funding for injury prevention resources IF occurs will focus on senior fall prevention as MT one of highest incidences of preventable falls*
 - 3)** *Funding to try to increase SBIRT @ Level II & if high to follow through with intervention.*
 - 4)** *EMS for Children: Pediatric Education for pre-hospital providers (PEP)instructor course 2/19,20,21/09 in Helena registration still open.*
There are \$\$ fro one equipment "cash" /region and for 2 courses /region for next 3 years.

*Central region coordinators: Brian Williams EMT-P, James Laidlaw III, EMP-P
Look @ interfacility transfer agreements to ensure they include pediatric patients.*

2. Regional Trauma Plan

Lauri Jackson APRN

- *Think about neruo surgeon acceptance/transfer issues let Lauri know if concerns*
- *Process improvement goals to monitor for 2009*
 - 1)** *CRTAC will monitor GCS & pt. temp as part of initial ER vital signs*
 - 2)** *Pre-hospital reports **with** pt medical record (as per state standard) AND if patient transferred all pre-hospital reports (including 1st transport) on pt. Med. Rec. as part of transfer packet.*
- *DR Orcutt will be stepping down as Medical Director many thanks to him for his leadership over the years.*
Dr Chad Engan is online to become the next Trauma Medical Director for the Central RTAC – Dr Engan present and introduced to committee.

3. Pre-hospital

Rosie Rosalez, EMT-P

- *Attendance at pre-hospital meeting very low (2 persons) discussed strategies to increase attendance. Will consider holding meeting in the evening*
- *Provide CE for case reviews*
- *PI: Pre-hospital will also monitor GCS included as part of pt vital signs on pre-hospital trip reports*

5. RTAC education grant from general fund

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- *Looking at TEAM first quarter of 2009, with Chester as first up for course*
- *\$2360 in funds at present. Looking for ways to increase funds for courses through-out region.*

Public Comments

None

6. Adjournment

Future CRTAC Meeting Dates for 2009:

April 23

July 23

October 22

7. Quality Improvement:
Inter-facility / Pre-hospital transfer cases from region
Case Review per Great Falls

Telemedicine sites available in Big Sandy, Chester, Choteau, Conrad, Cut Bank, Fort Benton, Havre, Shelby, Helena, and Great Falls (Benefis).

Respectfully submitted.

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